

MINUTES

UTAH EDUCATION COMMITTEE BOARD OF NURSING MEETING

June 22, 2007

**Room 474 – 4th Floor –7:30 A.M.
Heber Wells Building
Salt Lake City, UT 84111**

CONVENED: 7:42 a.m.

ADJOURNED: 8:31 a.m.

Bureau Manager:
Secretary:

Laura Poe
Shirlene Kimball

Conducting:

Diane Forster-Burke

Board Members Present:

Pam Rice
Mary Williams
Diane Forster-Burke

Board Members Excused:

Helen Zsohar

Guests:

Peggy Brown
Dr. Carolyn Lewis

TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION

DECISIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS:

April 17, 2007; April 20, 2007; May 18, 2007
and May 30, 2007 minutes:

Approval of the minutes was postponed until the next meeting.

NEWBUSINESS:

NCLEX Pass Rates:

Ms. Poe indicated the NCLEX pass rates for provisionally approved programs will be provided for review on a monthly basis.

Western Governors University:

Committee members requested clarification regarding the organizational structure of Western Governors University and the nursing programs. Committee members would like the University to submit an organizational chart no later than July 20, 2007 to include a description of the titles, positions and roles of the nursing program personnel. Committee

members also requested clarification regarding the number and types of nursing programs offered. Committee members would like to know if the Masters Degree in Administration and Education was launched June 1 as noted in the letter, how many students are enrolled and in which programs those students are enrolled.

Committee members requested that representatives from Western Governors University meet with the Committee in August to discuss the above issues. The BSN degree program will need to be approved by the Board of Nursing.

Provo College,
Dr. Carolyn Lewis, Director Nursing Program:

Dr. Lewis met with the Committee to request approval for Provo College to change from a 10 week term to a 15 week semester system. The change would allow faculty members more time for development, give faculty members more breaks in between cohorts, and would be consistent with Utah Valley State College and the general education courses offered at that program. Dr. Lewis indicated the didactic and clinical hours will not change but will be spread out over a longer period of time. Dr. Lewis stated the college would like to implement this change January 2008.

Dr. Lewis indicated the second request is to gradually double the number of students accepted into the program. Dr. Lewis indicated the goal is to eventually accept 40 students every January. They would also like to accept 10 LPN students in May for completion of the RN degree. There would be a total of 90 students in the program (40 in their first year, 40 in their second year and 10 LPNs). Dr. Lewis stated the proposal is to increase the number of students in steps. In December 2007 they would like to accept 7 LPNs to finish by July. In January 2008, they would like to accept 10 additional students so there would be 30 students starting the program instead of the approved 20 students. When those students get to the half way point, they would accept 6 additional LPNs for a total of 36 students. Dr. Lewis stated the increase would depend on the availability of the program being able to hire additional faculty and to find clinical sites. Dr. Lewis stated if the program can not find the appropriate faculty or clinical sites, they will not admit

the additional students.

Ms. Rice made a Motion to approve the request to move to semesters. Dr. Williams seconded the Motion. All Board members in favor.

Dr. Williams made a Motion to allow the proposed increase in the size of the cohort on a gradual basis based on the hiring of appropriate faculty and the availability of clinical sites. Ms. Rice seconded the Motion. All Board members in favor. Dr. Harry Banks from Provo College entered the meeting and thanked the Committee for their support.

Review Memorandum regarding the NLNAC Accreditation Process:

Committee members reviewed the Memorandum regarding the NLNAC Accreditation process. Committee members stated the pre-accreditation process is a good idea.

Stevens Henager Site Visit:

The site visit was canceled and will need to be rescheduled.

Note: These minutes are not intended to be a verbatim transcript but are intended to record the significant features of the business conducted in this meeting. Discussed items are not necessarily shown in the chronological order they occurred.

August 3, 2007

Diane Forster-Burke, Chair Education Committee Board of Nursing

August 3, 2007

Laura Poe, Bureau Manager, Division of Occupational & Professional Licensing